(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of terrorists have gathered in Pakistan recently and launched an anti-India campaign;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Governemnt in this regard; if no action has been taken, the reasosn therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) At a congregation from 2-5 November in Muridke, Pakistan, the Pakistani terrorist organisation, Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) held out open threats against India and indulged in vicious and communal anti-India propaganda. Government lodged an official protest about the threats held out by the LeT with the Government of Pakistan. It was conveyed to Pakistan that there had been no reports of any action having been taken by Pakistani authorities agaisnt the LeT for such blatant terrorist threats, or even a statement condemning it. As such, this was yet another manifestation of Pakistan's support to and instigation of international terrorism. Government also reiterated their call to the Government of Pakistan to abandon its irresponsible support of cross-border terrorism. Government remain committed to taking all steps necessary to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.

Outcome of CHOGM Summit

323. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many countries participated at the Summit of Commonwealth Heads of Government (CHOGM) held recently in Durban indicating the role of India at this Summit;

(b) whether any specific recommendations were made by CHOGM with regard to (i) measures to be taken against States that harbour and train terrorists; and (ii) economic issues for increased international cooperation to support democracies in achieving benefits for the people, etc; and

(c) what are the salient features of other resolutions adopted and discussion held together with their outcome?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) 52 countries participated in the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held in Durban from 12-15 November 1999. 47 countries were represented by Heads of State or Prime Ministers. India played a leading role in the discussions on the political and economic issues on the agenda as well as in the drafting of the Durban Communique and the Fancourt Declaration issued at the conclusion of the meeting.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Heads of Government renewed their commitment to the Commonwealth's fundamental political values and reviewed global political and economic developments. They called for firm deterrent measures by the United Nations Security Council against states, entities and organisations which harbour and train terrorists or promote international terrorism. The Heads of Government also called for increased international cooperation to ensure that the benefits of globalisation are shared more equitably. The Meeting also, *inter-alia,* endorsed the decision to suspend the military regime in Pakistan from the councils of the Commonwealth pending restoration of democracy, requested the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group to keep the situation in Pakistan under review and urged that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and others detained with him be released immediately.

Non-Aligned Movement

324. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government consider NAM to be an important and relevant forum which could be used to achieve some foreign policy goals like promoting peace and stability in the world, encourage South and South Cooperation, work out a common approach to the International Financial problems etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to play more active role in NAM?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Government of India considers NAM to be an important and relevant forum to achieve our foreign policy goals of promoting peace, disarmament and development. India played a pro-active role in the XIIth NAM Summit at Durban in September 1998, as well as NAM Ministerial Conference at New York in September 1999 to strengthen NAM consensus in these areas. India has also worked assiduously to strengthen NAM's internal cohesion to enable it more effectively to place the concerns of nonaligned and developing countries at the centre of international agenda.

Indian in Pakistani Jails

325. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1,622 Indian service personnel including 54 officers are in Pakistani jails;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the above service personnel were declared dead and their family members are getting pension;

(c) if so, the details thereof;